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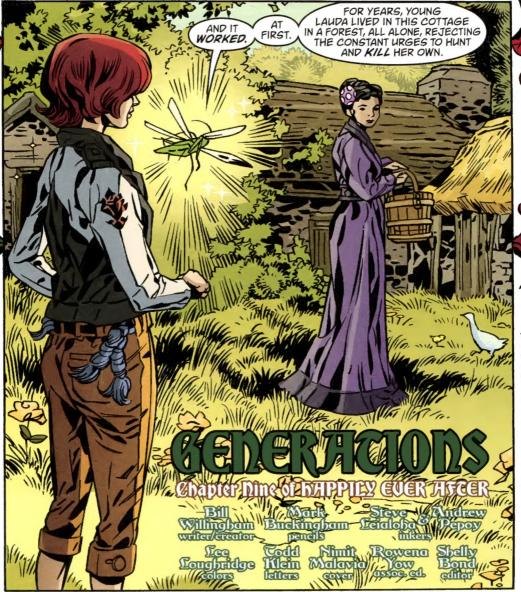
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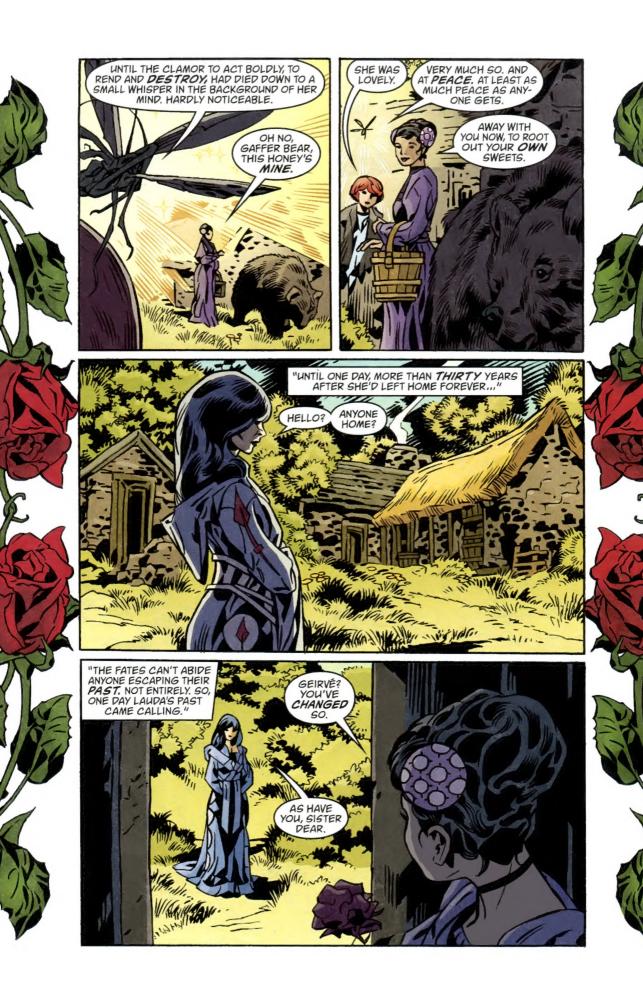
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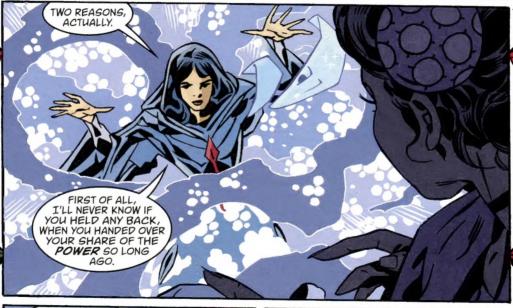






















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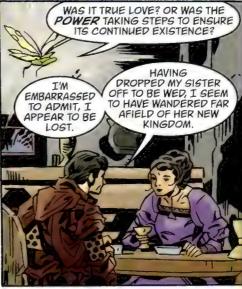










































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In Lee Bermejo's SUICIDERS, Los Angeles is in shambles, the entertainment industry is in charge, and The Saint isn't the religious icon the city expected. Take a first look at the new VERTIGO series here, with promo pieces, cover designs and Editor Will Dennis to walk you through the violent, magical world of New Angeles.

In stores February 25th!

ORIGINAL "PROMO" PIECE - We needed a promotional piece so Lee did this image of the up-andcoming fighter "Straniero." It's got a classically symmetrical composition, and the crack in the ground does a great job of directing attention back to the main figure while also calling out the flower. It's a quietly visceral image - not easy to do! His tattoo could use some work though. (I'm an editor after all.)

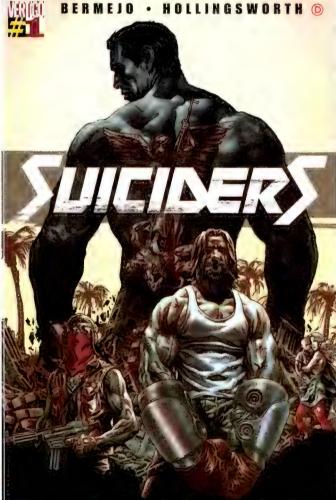


- OVER #1, Sketch #1 Bold, dramatic shot of our "hero," THE SAINT. Interesting how the rubble from the "Big One" seems to flow out of his back (or is he ABSORBING it into himself?!) Guy with the gun is cool, but it's lacking a third element and it's a little too G.T.A. for my taste. Do you know the Archangel in the tattoo? I do.
- COVER #1, Sketch #2 Better with the addition of the third element in the lower left. This is a character The Saint fights in the issue. It's a killer design with the suit that looks like muscle striations but, if anything, it starts to overwhelm the other parts of the cover. Samurai sword nicely points back to The Saint.

COVER #1, Final - PAYDIRT! Classic triangular composition that makes The Saint our main focus but includes the challenger Straniero (modified from the promo piece) as well as the masked gunman. Plus he was able to include a mother and child to show some of the human cost of life in New/Lost Angeles. Lovely colors, too - limited and sophisticated.

- Will Dennis, Group Editor





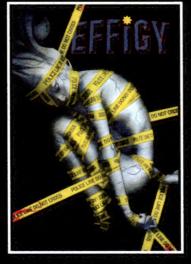
#### GRAPHIC CONTENT

**▼ertigo Comics has** always been the publisher for the type of comic book creators who sit around in bars that only serve absinthe, discussing how some obscure Britpop song is actually about tantric sex while under the influence of horse tranquilizers.

It's not the publisher for uncool nerds to totally gush with excitement and fandom because OHMYGOD I'M DOING A VERTIGO COMIC!

Ahem, sorry. The truth is I'm not one of those cool authors like the ones who started the Vertigo revolution some twenty years ago. But I was the exact right age to pick those innovative books off the shelf and discover that comics could be edgy and





frightening and disquieting and beautiful. I was the perfect age to become a Vertigo fan.

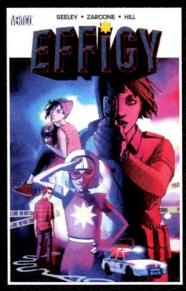
So, I guess it makes sense that my new Vertigo series, EFFIGY, is about fandom.

Set in the small Ohio town of Effigy Mound, EFFIGY stars Chondra Jackson, a child actress who once starred in a kids' show called Star Cops. Now a rookie police officer, Chondra gets swept up into a murder mystery that'll take her on a bizarre tour of fandom, celebrity, modern religion, and the thin line between them. EFFIGY is a dark but often-comedic crime exploring immortality, kinky sci-fi futurism and convention sex.

And damn it looks good. Because I didn't go into this alone. My words are getting turned pretty by my cocreator, the talented Marley Zarcone, already a Vertigo veteran with work on FAIREST: IN ALL THE LAND and HOUSE MYSTERY, along with colorist Ryan Hill. Add to that some beautiful covers by W. Scott Forbes and a variant by Andrew Robinson, chosen by our always keen-eyed editor Shelly Bond with the wonderful associate editor Rowena Yow, and we've got a package I'm proud to have under the Vertigo banner. I think we've made something edgy and frightening and disquieting and beautiful.

And I hope you'll be a fan.

- Tim Seeley, Writer



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